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EASLEY INITIATES LAY OFFS

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today directed agency heads to give notice to the 278 employees whose positions are being eliminated as part of an overall effort to deal with the state budget crisis. Employees in positions that the Senate, the House and agency heads have agreed to cut will receive their 30-day notice of termination beginning tomorrow. Easley directed his cabinet and requested council of state members to proceed with layoffs that will not impact vital services. There are an additional 609 vacant positions that are also being eliminated.

"Like any business or family, state government must live within its means," said Easley. "These layoffs are part of what we must do to begin to get a balanced budget."

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